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RICC Meeting
11/20/2008
12:00 noon



Present were: Tim Coughlin, Kathy Molland, Jaret Cvancara, Sonya Owan, Andrea Peterson, Tammy Hilton, Annie Pivarnik, Harlan Fixen, Deb Bingeman, Lyndia Hill, Barb Paul, Rod Gillund, Barb Olson, and Dawn Barkie (minutes).

Minutes of the last RICC meeting and agenda for this meeting were mailed. No additions or corrections noted.

Introductions were done, as Barb Paul was new to the group.

Right Track Referrals

Rose Shafer resigned at the end of September. The contract now comes out of Jamestown. Barb Olson, Betty Omvig and Kathy Lee are now part of the team who performs the right track screenings. If the children do not qualify for DD Services, they are referred to Right Track. There are also other referrals to Right Track from Doctor's offices, etc. Barb sends referrals to Cindy at Richman and Associate's in Jamestown. Cindy makes the referral for the initial assessment.

Birth Registry

By receiving the birth registry, this information helps get the information to the team. The information has been coming out of Minot and hospitals out of Bismarck. The abstracts from the newspapers are not consistent.

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There were some questions that arose in regards to the registry. They wanted to know if Welcome Home baby receives these lists. It was advised by Tim to have Barb contact Mary or Rose to gather information.

It was discussed that close to seven years ago there was an informational box on the birth certificate application, asking parents if they would like a follow up with Infant Development. Cindy will be contacted in regards to this information by Barb.

Pre-training for dealing with drug babies (I.D. and E.I)

Lynda Hill, Annie Pivarnik, Deb Bingeman and Barb Olson attended this training. It was discussed that there needed to be more long term studies completed to fully grasp the long term effects on babies. Discussion was held on the different drugs, amount of use and the affects on babies.

Since these are fairly new studies, there are a lot of unknown that one will experience. It also depends on the exposure time, the results, the mapping since there are no direct equations to the cases. It was stated that it could take up to 15 to 20 years to gather data.

Discussion then led to the placement of children and how the state of North Dakota has no openings for residential beds. There is also a shortage of foster homes.

New RICC members

Barb Olson has someone in mind to bring to the team. She will get back to us after she speaks with them. It was discussed that the team used to consist of 70% of parents. We need to enroll some of our parents as new members.

S-OAE

Lynda Hill and Deb Bingeman attend the annual Audiological/hearing test meetings. The machines have been purchased and the enrolled child who has questionable hearing issues will be screened. There was also some discussion on rural children as well.

The team is still waiting for the scanner. When they receive the scanner, it will need to be calibrated and this is completed once per year. There are also still some questions on the guidelines of the machine. They are also still working on finding an Audiologist.

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Infant Mental Health Courses

Annie went over some guidelines in regards to Mental Health issues in children. It was stated that they are paying more attention to the impacts. Annie handed out a brochure on Environmental Risks.

Notices will be sent out by email for our next quarterly meetings - February 19th, 2009 at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.